THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Kohl, et al.

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Sacrificial Compositions, Methods of Use Thereof, and Methods of Decomposition

Thereof

FIRST RESPONSE (WITH AMENDMENTS)

Mail Stop: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

The outstanding non-final Office Action mailed *October 19, 2004* (Paper No. 20041015) has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments in which claims 1 and 12 are amended and claim 9 is canceled. Claims 1-7 and 11-31 are now pending in the present application and claims 14-31 remain withdrawn. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.